

Ramoaaina language

Ramoaaina (Ramuaina) is an Oceanic language spoken on the Duke of York Islands off eastern New Ireland.

Phonology

Phoneme inventory of the Ramoaaina language^[3]:

Consonant sounds

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p	t	k
	voiced	b	d	g
<u>Fricative</u>			(s)	
<u>Rhotic</u>			r	
<u>Lateral</u>			l	
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ŋ
<u>Approximant</u>		w		

/s/ is used, but mainly in loanwords.

Vowel sounds

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i		u
<u>Mid</u>	e	ə	o
<u>Low</u>		a	

Ramoaaina	
Duke of York	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	New Ireland
Native speakers	10,300 (2000 census) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meso-Melanesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">(St George linkage)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kandas–Ramoaaina<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ramoaaina
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	rai
Glottolog	ramo1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ramo1244) ^[2]

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External links

- Materials on Ramoaaina are included in the open access Arthur Capell collections (AC1 (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC1) and AC2 (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC2)) and Malcolm Ross collection (MR1 (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/MR1)) held by Paradisec

- [Digitised microfilm images from Pacific Manuscripts Bureau \(PAMBU\) including Ramoaaina \(http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/PAMBU\)](http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/PAMBU)

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